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Higher Wages Wanted.

We notice that the printers and bookbinders of the Government Printing-office have inaugurated a movement to secure an increase in their pay. In so doing we think they are in the right, and we trust that their efforts will prove successful. When Congress, under the lead of Hoffman, the Great American Sloggit, cut down the wages of the printers and binders in the Government Printing-office, the prices of provisions, clothing, etc., were at the lowest pitch they have touched since the close of the war. Now, however, the prices of all family necessities are largely on the advance, and the most of them are thirty per cent. higher than they were four or five years ago. Hence it amounts that much more to live here now than it did then, and, therefore, all persons in public or private employ here have to pinch and pare and economize at every possible point, in order to make both ends meet at the end of the year. This ought not to be. A great Government like ours, and especially a Government formed "by the people and for the people," should not oppress, and distress its employees in any branch of the public service in order to have a heavy balance in its favor at the end of the year.

It should appear to a man up a tree that our distinguished George Gorham had not been steadily worked up to date in his quarrel with Whitelaw Reid. And yet it is said, on good authority, that there is more to come. George seems to be a good

man, but he is not a statesman, nor a leader.

The Whig "Reid's" slur upon "James' self-inflating ways" was not wholly just; James may have been "soft" and "inflating" in some relations, but he always led in a straightforward manner.

And as trying forced the bulk of his intercourse with his fellow men, it is hardly fair to deny him the merit of having been outspoken.

The only organization in the country that is not more luminous than the Republican party is the Democratic party.

The Salt Lake Tribune discovers in its neighborhood four kinds of men who love time—the man who is always waiting at the corners to try to persuade his little ones to give up the time which he has

spent four or five hours a day trying to smoke a long meadowlark pipe; the man who is forever explaining to his friends how and under what circumstances he was presented with his expensive cane, and the man who, having pretty hair, wishes to keep the part in exact shape and appearance.

The Empress Augusta of Germany is far from being a beautiful old lady. She is tall, thin, and a woman of many angles whose sharp features express a stern, hard, and haughty nature.

Dresses in Paris fashions are not so long as they were, and shoes and stockings are principal considerations. Old-fashioned diamond brooches are returning to favor. Shoes have lower heels and square toes.

Professor Reville, whose department is that of the History of Religions in the College of France, combats the theory advanced by Herbert Spencer that ancestor-worship is the ultimate basis of religion.

It should be noted that the gods are nothing else but dead.

Western financiers claim not only to be independent of the East, and to be able to carry out their enterprises with their own capital, but also to be dictators when they choose to be. Chicago banks sometimes during the last summer, says the Chicago Inter-Ocean, had \$90,000,000 on deposit in New York banks.

The New York Herald complains that too many of our churches are virtually clubs where people go to spend an easy hour in idleness. The Herald man probably writes from experience.

Miss Eliza Novell, daughter of Governor Novell, of Washington Territory, has been appointed by the Legislative territorial librarian. Who says the women are not gradually getting their rights?

In the street car: Blonde—"They say Carrie engaged." Brunette—"Engaged! Why, she was married a month ago, and has just sued for a divorce." Blonde—"How romantic! Isn't it splendid?"—Boston Transcript.

The Philadelphia Press says that despite his eccentricities, Oscar Wilde is not an use. The Press always was a very charitable journal.

The people have an insipidation that Guiton will be hanged before many months. The impression prevails that Mr. Guiton is a very bad man.

A Chudlum company with a capital stock of \$4,000,000 is organizing to furnish that city with gas at \$1 per 1,000 feet. Now this is the kind of gas and gas company that Washington deserves.

Victoria eats her breakfast in a tent in summer, but the old lady never writes any watering place letters to the London papers.

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